

CHAPTER 14  
CONFIDENTIALITY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE INFORMATION

**685—14.1(263B) Objective.** Pursuant to Iowa Code section 263B.10, specific locational information on archaeological resources and sites is confidential unless approved for disclosure. This is intended to provide such resources and sites protection from unreasonable risk of damage or loss. The state archaeologist is the appropriate authority to approve disclosure of information on the location of archaeological resources and sites.

**685—14.2(263B) Definition.** “Qualified archaeologist” means an individual who has:

1. A graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, or a closely related field of equivalent specialized training in archaeological research, administration, or management,
2. At least one year of full-time professional experience,
3. At least four months of supervised field and analytic experience in general North American archaeology, and
4. A demonstrated ability to carry research to completion.

**685—14.3(263B) Iowa site records and site location maps.**

**14.3(1)** Upon request, the OSA will make the Iowa site records and site location maps available to the following individuals for inspection and copying:

- a. Members of the Association of Iowa Archaeologists;
- b. Members of the Society of Professional Archaeologists;
- c. Qualified archaeologists;
- d. OSA staff;
- e. Students or researchers under the supervision of a person meeting any of the above criteria;
- f. Amateur archaeologists, at the discretion of the state archaeologist;
- g. Other persons if the OSA determines that disclosure will not result in unreasonable risk of damage to or loss of the resource or site.

**14.3(2)** The OSA maintains a log of all non-OSA staff users of the Iowa site records and associated site location maps. The log includes the name and address of each user and the date of use.

**14.3(3)** One copy of any report or publication utilizing information obtained from the Iowa site records shall be sent to the OSA for inclusion in the documents collection.

**14.3(4)** Notwithstanding any of the preceding provisions, the state archaeologist retains authority to deny access of any individual to the Iowa site records and site location maps, in accordance with Iowa Code section 22.7(21), if release of the information will result in unreasonable risk of damage to or loss of archaeological resources. An appeal committee consisting of three members of the OSA advisory committee shall review contested cases and make recommendations to the vice president of educational development and research.

**14.3(5)** The state archaeologist may enter into cooperative agreements with the state historical society and other agencies in order to make available copies of Iowa site records for planning purposes.

**14.3(6)** Documents containing information on the specific location of any archaeological resource or site shall be considered an extension of the Iowa site records and shall be treated in similar fashion. Such documents include those archived at OSA or released by OSA to agencies or individuals.

**685—14.4(263B) Policy on copying charges.** Anyone making a request for reproduction of the Iowa site records and OSA documents will be charged for services.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 263B.10.

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